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Urgent care extends its hours to 'fill the gap'

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

The Minden urgent care clinic is now officially open seven days a week, showcasing the need for healthcare alternatives in the

community.

"Seven days a week was always the plan," said executive director of the Kawartha North Family Health Team Marina Hodson, "and now we can use this as a baseline to see where the real need is."

Originally opening on June 30 of this year,

the clinic was put in motion by the Kawartha North Family Health Team (KNFHT) in an attempt to fill the gap that was made by the sudden closure of the Minden emergency department (ED).

While the clinic does not offer the same services as an ED, the presence of the facil-

ity is designed to alleviate the pressure that was put on the Haliburton ED in light of the Minden ED closure. "Last week, there was trauma in the Haliburton ED, and they were able to direct patients to us," said Hodson, "and that's exactly how this is supposed to

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Landowners decry proposed AH occupation rules

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Some Haliburton County property owners think Algonquin Highlands council needs to offer more details about the proposed licenses for occupation.

Members of the Haliburton County Landowners Association appeared before township council Oct. 5 to express the need for clarification regarding some questions arising from the proposed bylaw.

At the outset, Mayor Liz Danielsen said that usually delegations provide council with a copy of a presentation and not a list of questions that should have been forwarded to the municipal planner for answering.

Danielsen said council wouldn't answer their questions. "But if you wish to make statements, or a position statement, you're definitely more than welcome to do that," she said. "Just so that you know: Normally, if you were going to do that, that material would be provided to us in advance so that we'd have an idea what you're going to say and how to respond."

James Cooper said he and Logan Percy approached council as individuals the last time they came forward to address the proposed license of occupation bylaw. Together, they came as a delegation of the Haliburton County Landowners Association.

Cooper said he wanted to discuss with council the answers given to submitted questions. He said he also wanted to discuss the latest draft of the proposed license of occupation legislation.

And, he said, Percy wanted to talk about his "thorough review of past council meetings going back to 2021 where the license of occupation was openly discussed."

All that has bearing on the association's questions about how the bylaw has been written.

"We appreciate the township taking the time to review our questions," Cooper said. "However, after reviewing the latest answers that the township provided to our questions and reviewing the council meeting of Sept. 7 where council openly discussed each individual question, we as a group strongly recommend the township needs to further clarify their answers."

Particularly, he said, the circumstances in which a license can be revoked needs further clarification. The draft bylaw states that the township reserves the right to terminate a license of occupation at its sole discretion.

"It doesn't state anything more than that," he said. "No appeal process. Nothing."

And does the absence of official guidelines in implementing the bylaw mean the municipality will make up the rules as it goes along?

"Without guidelines, how can we understand our basic rights under this license?" Cooper said. "And how can you understand how it will affect both of us?"

Should council have decided to lease a new recreational facility instead of putting work into the existing Dorset Recreational Centre and the property owner had a clause in the agreement that it can be terminated at any time without reason or appeal process, would council sign the contract?

"I would think not," Cooper said. "This is exactly what you're asking us to sign."

Danielsen said she's heartened to see that property owners have formed an organization.

"I do see strength in that," the mayor said.

Danielsen asked if the Haliburton County Landowners Association is an official entity yet.

"We are an official chapter under the Ontario Landowners Association," Cooper said.

"How many members do you have so far?" Danielsen said.

"We're not going to tell," Cooper said. "The Ontario Landowners (Association) won't tell us how many they have."

"Really?" Danielsen said.

"And they don't recommend we do," Cooper said.

Danielsen said she'd asked only to get a sense of the percentage of property owners represented by the group.

"At this point, I would say we represent all of them," Cooper said.

"I don't believe that's the case because we have had people who are impacted by this proposed bylaw who are fine with it," Danielsen said.

Cooper said the local landowners group is giving advice to other local property owners.

"We're only getting a number within 50 per cent accuracy on how many people are affected by this bylaw, and you've had 10 years to figure that out," Percy said. "I think we really don't need to give you guys numbers if you're not going to give us numbers."

Then Percy to Cooper: "Do you disagree?"

"No," Cooper said.

Percy said Danielsen claimed during an August council meeting that Algonquin Highlands was in the minority in terms of municipalities that have license of occupation poli-

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cies in place.

Percy said the other three Haliburton County townships have policies that affect only new lots or where non-waterfront property owners request to put a dock on the shore road allowance.

He recommended that the county council, of which Danielsen is warden, hold a meeting to get feedback from the other lower tier townships.

Percy set out the bones on a litany of concerns regarding zoning, shoreline allowance footage, and statements of past councillors.

Percy said owners of properties across a road from a waterfront are valued very close to the same amount as equivalent sized properties at the water's edge by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

There's only a "very slightly reduced assessment value and tax burden due to the road that we must cross to get to the water which, surely, everyone must agree makes sense," Percy said.

"So we clearly are paying our fair share and always have been. What's worse is that, when this policy goes into effect as currently drafted, we will likely be paying more taxes and fees to use our waterfronts than any other residents in Algonquin Highlands."

Clinic ready for 'sniffle season'

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work."

The clinic may not be able to fill the shoes of the former ED, but it can provide safe and secure healthcare to those in need. Hodson noted that there seems to be seasons of need. "We are going into sniffle season now," she said, "but we just had a stretch where all we had was strep throat."

She also noted that they see patients seeking primary care since many do not have a local physician, as well as prescription renewals, and concerns about infections, stitches, fractures, and more.

Through it all, they have not had to send many to the Haliburton ED; noting that most who come in tend to know the scope of what the clinic can offer.

With the seven-day workweek, the question of staffing inevitably comes into play. "We have very experienced staff," said Hodson, sharing that they had wrapped up training for the team just last week. She noted that the last staff to add is admin staff, and then the clinic will be equipped with a full roster. "The staff has truly made all this happen," she said, "and that means everyone; IT, admin, nursing. They truly deserve so much recognition."

And the staff keep busy. Hodson shared that the clinic averages 25 patients a day, with a wide variety of ailments, questions, and concerns. At one point, she believed that the

numbers would lessen as the seasonal residents departed after the summer months, but this past week, the newly-hired nurse practitioner saw 29 patients in one day; all of whom were locals.

To keep up with the needs of the community, Hodson said that it is absolutely crucial for the urgent care clinic to work closely with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS). She noted that HHHS has been supportive and encouraging of the facility overall. "It's awesome that HHHS is adding additional services to the clinic," she said, noting the support they have received so far. "Let's all do what's best for the community."

The urgent care clinic in Minden is open seven days a week, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and no appointment is necessary to visit. Information on the clinic can be found at www.knfht.ca as well as their Facebook page, and updates can also be found on the HHHS website.

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‘More than three words’: remembering the life of Ryan Reesor

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Caring. Compassionate. Hard working. Critical thinker. Friend. Husband. Son. Father.

When I write articles on people who have passed away, one of the first questions I ask those who knew them, is for the top three words they would use to describe them so that our readers can catch a glimpse into their lives.

Words are powerful. They create an image of a person that although some readers may not know them personally, they feel a connection.

With Ryan Reesor, despite the many interviews and conversations I had with his friends and loved ones, I still don't think I could properly capture all the words that were used to describe him; the impact he had, and the lives he touched.

When I called Adam Thorn, his friend and colleague from the Algonquin Hills Fire Department, I asked if he had a minute to chat. Not knowing what I was calling about, he said yes. When I went on to say I wanted to learn more about Ryan Reesor, he simply said, “oh, I will need more than a minute then.”

When I asked Ryan's wife, Amy, about her top three words for him, she took some time to consider before sharing her thoughts on the page. “Sorry, more than three words!” she said.

He was a man who paved the way for others to follow, while simultaneously stepping back and letting others lead. “There wasn't anyone else like him,” said Adam.

Ryan Reesor grew up in the Haliburton Highlands with his family at Ox Narrows Lodge in Algonquin Highlands. He met his wife, Amy, when they both attended Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on the track and field team, and instantly became friends. “I remember sitting across from him at his family's business, Ox Narrows Lodge, watching him laugh one day,” said Amy. “This was probably 20 years ago, and I can still see his face so vividly. He was laughing so hard and with such joy, his eyes were bright and his body radiated this energy, and I remember thinking he is the most beautiful man I had ever seen.”

Their first real date together was at the Stanhope Fire Department Christmas party.” We married in 2008, but were together for 26 years,” Amy said. “He was my best friend and made sure that I was always cared for and happy.”

After graduating from Hal High, Ryan went on to take Humber College's Pre-Service Fire program, and continued working at Ox Narrows Lodge, as well as building homes and working in tree services. He worked for 27 years as a dedicated firefighter, in both Algonquin Highlands and Toronto, where he became Captain.



Captain Ryan Reesor, a Haliburton County local and firefighter for both Algonquin Highlands and the City of Toronto, passed away in May. His family and friends have spent the past few months celebrating his life and legacy. /Photo submitted

When asked about what Ryan would be most proud of, Amy did not hesitate. “His children,” she said with confidence. “Ryan was an exceptional father. His purpose in life was to be an amazing dad to his kids.” Amy shared not only did he support them in every way, but he was dedicated to giving his two children, Anna and Anson, the gift of time. “Everything he did, he included his kids. If he was fixing something, he taught them what he was doing and had them do it with him. He played with them daily, sometimes for hours, laughed with them, read them stories, and helped them

with their homework. He was an incredible father.”

When Ryan wasn't at home, he would often be found at the fire department. Adam Thorn had vivid memories of working many shifts with Ryan as he learned the ropes of becoming a firefighter. “Some people just walk through life,” said Adam, “and we all leave stepping stones along the way. But Ryan was the kind of guy that built a foundation wherever he went. People would learn from him, and he was always there to hold you up.”

Adam shared that Ryan was the one who introduced the concept of shared emergency training across Haliburton County, ensuring that if additional support was needed on calls, everyone who showed up would be in sync, and working swiftly as a team. “I think that idea has helped us more times than we can count on our calls,” said Adam, reflecting on the progress that has been made over the years surrounding the initiative.

At the age of 45, Ryan died in an accident on May 17, 2023. Upon his death, news outlets and social media blew up with memories and stories about Ryan. His impact was immeasurable, and his dedication to his family, his career, and his community were crystal clear.

On Oct. 1, friends and family joined together for what they hope to be the first of many poker runs in Ryan's name. “This weekend's first annual Ride for Ryan was the perfect day and perfect way to have some fun, enjoy the outdoors, give back to our community and the much needed fire services,” said Brandi Hewson, one of the organizers of the event, “and above all, honour a pretty incredible guy who tragically lost his life far too young.”

The event raised over \$3400, all of which was donated directly back to the Stanhope Fire Department, which Ryan gave his heart and soul to.

“We wanted to take the day and the moment to live a little and make the memories,” said Hewson. “I think losing a friend so young reminds us of just how short life can unfairly be and how important it is to honour those who made an impact, and hold so tight to those special people, friends and family.”

As the seasons have changed and the stories have continued to be shared about Ryan, perhaps there is joy in the words left behind. Because in a life so fully lived, sometimes there are still not enough words.

Amy was clear that there was one word that would always stand out for her: love. “Ryan told us each and every day that he loved us,” she said. “He told the kids and I that we were beautiful and strong. And I know that he knew that we loved him because we told him. So be sure to say it each and every day to the people that you love.”

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Backyard composting: Place your leaves in a backyard composter. Aim for 1/3 of food waste and 2/3 yard waste

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HCDC settles into their new home

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

The Haliburton County Development Corporation's (HCDC) AGM was held on Oct. 4, and unlike a standard AGM, it drew quite a crowd.

The crowd had formed to witness the official opening of The Link. Located at 152 Haliburton County Rd 21, right next to Timber Mart, the new community hub houses HCDC offices, the new office for the Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce, the Business Development Bank of Canada, the Arts Council, and staff from the county's economic development and tourism department.

The space also offers a variety of meeting rooms, hot desks, and event spaces available for rent, with the idea that the community can gather together in one central location to network, collaborate, and grow.

The grand opening drew over 50 guests, with excitement building at the ribbon cutting, and continuing as they explored what the space had to offer. This was also the opportunity that the chair of HCDC, Pat Kennedy, took to the podium to share some big news. "HCDC has given out over 102 million dollars in loans," he shared with the crowd, "we're the first in Ontario to do that, and only the second in the country."

HCDC was developed in 1985 as a tool to support local businesses and not-for-profits with funding, support, loans, and counselling to ensure community economic growth.

Once the official opening wrapped up, the AGM portion of the day kicked off. The AGM highlighted the fiscal year, which ran until March, 2023. The total dollars dispersed from the HCDC investment committee from



The Haliburton County Development Corporation kicked off their AGM on Oct. 4 by cutting the ribbon to their new location, and announcing the community features of the Link facility. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

April to March was \$5,063,032.

It was noted that the sector that predominantly received loans was the service sector, comprising of restaurants, landscaping, hair salons, accounting, and auto repair. This grouping received nearly 50 per cent of loans available, followed by tourism at 13.8 per cent, construction at 9.8 per cent, manufacturing at 9.6 per cent, retail at 9.2 per cent, forestry at 5.2 per cent, and not-for-profits at 2.9.

maintenance, followed by start-up initiatives, then expansion initiatives.

After the breakdown of the investment committee, Heather Reid spoke to the Local Initiatives Program (LIP), which is managed through the community economic development side of HCDC.

This past year, the LIP grant supported 26 projects, 94 partners, dispersed \$73,077, leveraged funds of \$164,805, and provided in-kind contributions of \$131,881, making the total LIP impact in Haliburton County \$241,225.

Reid went on to showcase a series of recipients of the LIP grant over the past year, including the Drop Zone in West Guilford and Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, and how the impacts of the LIP program have boosted the organizations to new levels.

The AGM concluded with a formal introduction to the Link space, which will now additionally house the HCDC incubator space, which formerly lived near the Haliburton Arena. Kat Schouten, the Link coordinator, shared that there has been a definite uptick in interest and need for the space in the community, and they are optimistic and positive about how the roll-out will continue for Haliburton County.

For information on the new space or to utilize the tools and resources of HCDC, visit www.thelinkhaliburton.ca.

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The Fall Festival welcomed all visitors; including those of the four-legged variety.

Places for People plans to double affordable units

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

One of the most critical situations in the county continues to be a lack of affordable housing.

Thanks to the purchase of community bonds by Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), Places for People (P4P) plans to expand their affordable housing offerings by adding 18 more units to their already-existing 12 in Haliburton County within the next five years.

"Anybody who's been looking to rent over the past three years have found themselves in a pretty dire situation. There's nowhere for people of a medium income to rent," said P4P president Jody Curry. "There are more high-income places to rent. A lot of our housing stock that used to get rented to our work-force has become perhaps an AirBnB, has been sold and renovated to be a higher-end place. The housing stock is so limited now."

The not-for-profit launched their Community Bonds Campaign earlier this year to acquire capital funds to address the ever-growing housing crisis.

"The Community Bond Campaign is about having community members take part in investments that's going to create solutions for our housing situation in Haliburton County. HCDC wanted to be the first to invest this past summer because they're very much in support of us and have been from the get-go," Curry said.

HCDC purchased \$50,000 at the beginning of the campaign and have just purchased another \$25,000.

By Friday, Oct. 6, they reached their goal of \$85,000 in bonds bought from community members.

"Your money stays here in the County, and the group borrowing it from you is a not-for-profit, so they're not making any money, they're just using it to help fund their operations and mainly to build capital, because it's tough to get capital money for a not-for-profit," Curry said. "Everybody who invests becomes part of what's going on in Haliburton County."

Since the launch, P4P has had an influx of requests from other communities wanting to learn more about the project.

"It's never been done before by a not-for-profit in a rural area for housing. Because housing's a big hot-button issue right now, it's really heartwarming about the number of groups and organizations from outside Haliburton County that have asked us to talk to them about it," Curry said.

Every week, they've had the opportunity to speak to other not-for-profits about their

success.

"I think campaigns like this are going to be pretty huge everywhere soon," she said.

With a long City of Kawartha Lakes wait-list for affordable housing, Curry said the additional units are more than needed in Haliburton County.

"Workers can't find places to live either, so businesses are having a hard time keeping their employees as well," she said. "It's going to take a village, not just one or two organizations."



Feeling thankful

Walkabout Farm hosted their annual Community Thanksgiving Celebration on Oct. 7, and welcomed visitors from all over to visit. Pictured left, Kaitlyn Tanti and Christa Sedore, two volunteers from the organization, take a break to smile for a photo. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



Melissa, Nolan, and Ethan Marts of Kitchener visited Walkabout Farm to paint some pumpkins and visit with the animals.



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A bit of fall fluff

IMAY BE showing my age, but I remember a time in my life when every season wasn't glorified and marketed.

I can't tell if it was my childhood where I grew up in the backwoods of Haliburton or the fact that it was that sweet and simple time before the Internet really took us by storm, but as the leaves began to change, it didn't mean pumpkin spice lattes and curated photos of apple picking.

It meant rest. It meant hibernation. It meant leaving little rinds of dried pumpkin on the front porch so the red squirrels could bury their treasure for the winter months. It meant the smell of apple pies and the crackling of dried logs during that first woodstove fire.

Fall doesn't come with that same glorification as summer and winter. In the summer, we have those carefree days that melt into warm nights, we have barbecues and live music and fireflies.

In the winter we have extended holidays and mulled wine. It's skiing and skating and brilliant stars that are clearer than any other time of year.

But in the fall, we have a series of endings. The farewell to a sweet summer season, dried leaves that grow brittle underfoot, gardens that fall asleep for the winter months.

It's never the glorified season, but someone at a marketing committee decided at one point to start to sell the key components of each day. The things that make us feel cozy and warm and safe.

And it got me thinking about why we need fall; this seemingly

shoulder season in between two great things. And I thought about how social marketing is pulling things to make us feel excited about this time of year.

And while I know many feel annoyed with the constant inundation of pumpkin spice latte propaganda, what is the core of the marketing?

I think the heart of the season is comfort. It's safety. It's silence. It's rest. It's that feeling of being a kid and leaving out pumpkin rinds for red squirrels to hibernate. It's the easement of taking a break.

Suddenly the reels online are shifting from the go go go of summer madness to the tranquility of lighting a candle and putting on a scary movie. Of sitting still. Of reflecting. Of taking a break. Of putting our feet up.

I think the marketing is deeply aligned with the messages that are being whispered from nature; the need to hibernate, the freedom to rest.

As humans, we sometimes try to push through, to persist; to pretend we are not natural creatures who need basic comforts to survive. Productivity earns a gold star while rest is played off as lazy.

So for me, an incessant doer and someone who often feels like down time is wasted time, I am choosing to see fall for what it is; the season to settle, to rest, to read, to prepare, to nest.

It's the time of year to reconnect with our roots, take some deep breaths, and prepare for the long winter ahead. It may be an ending for many things, but maybe there is beauty in that after all.

**EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

Kwarky

*"Great seats!"*

A stitch in time

ON FRIDAY, I was hunting for grouse with my dog Rosie when she suffered a nasty cut on her front foot while working a patch of thick cover. I'm not sure what caused the injury, but I will say a tough-looking grouse flushed out the other side, right about the same time I noticed the cut. So, I find that a little suspicious.

Luckily, I keep a dog first aid kit with me on these hunts. So, I was able to clean and bandage the wound almost immediately. After that, I drove her to an emergency veterinarian appointment where she was assessed, given stitches, and sent home with antibiotics, bandages, and other medications to help her weather the next 10 days while the wound heals.

I, on the other hand, was sent home with another good reason to apply to veterinary college.

You see, Rosie, who is now in her third hunting season, has made getting stitches an annual event. You might even call it an autumn tradition. Last year, it was a puncture wound to the chest after she ran full speed into a pointed stick. The year before, she tangled with some discarded barbed wire and lost.

As always, I feel terrible about this.

Having said that, I'm starting to suspect she cut her toe this year because she remembers how much we doted on her after the previous incidents.

Do we spoil her? Well, as I write this, she is sprawled out on our couch sleeping off a Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings. She also has a massage, gentle brushing, and a "Who's a good girl?" praise and

pat session scheduled for 3 p.m.

Oh, and she is now using her dog bell to call for room service. Lastly, for the duration of her convalescence, we have made an agreement for her to throw the training dummies and for me to retrieve them.

While I don't begrudge her any of this, I have also decided it is high time to be proactive about injury prevention. So yesterday, I ordered Rosie a set of dog boots (in basic black) to protect her feet from the sharp and pointy objects in the rough cover that we often find ourselves in. That is in addition to a protective vest to shield her chest and underside from punctures and scratches.

I consider this a good start.

I have not yet been able to find a company that manufactures dog helmets, plate mail, and round shields however, which I think might further help minimize the risks. Also, I would feel a whole lot better about her safety if I could get air bags installed in her new vest.

Hey, when you hunt with a hard charging springer spaniel, you can never be too careful.

If these things don't work, I have decided I will train her to use my gun, while I will go into the cover and start flushing the birds myself. That way she can remain relatively safe and know what it feels like to get a disappointed look every time you miss.

I am also considering hiring a stunt dog to step in for Rosie whenever the terrain gets a little risky.

I could write a lot more, but this will have to do for now. That bell just rang and I've still got a training dummy to fetch.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

We want baseball, not Moneyball

BASEBALL BROADCASTER Buck Martinez said the Toronto Blue Jays' 2023 season would be a disaster if they could not advance past the first wild-card playoff round.

They didn't. Their season ended. And yes, it was a disaster.

The Jays, a World Series prospect at the season's start, were swept by the Minnesota Twins in the first playoff round. They scored only one run in two critical playoff games.

It's the third time in four years the Jays made it to post regular season play. In those three playoff years they did not win one game.

The season ended much the way it had progressed: consistently inconsistent.

There is plenty to blame for the Jay's disastrous season. Most of it rests with the club management, which needs a complete shakeup.

Despite denials, the club's front office was behind the Game Two decision to pull pitcher Jose Berrios after a leadoff walk in the fourth inning. Berrios had thrown only 47 pitches and had struck out five batters in three innings. He was definitely on his game.

Things went downhill from there.

General Manager Ross Atkins says the decision to pull Berrios was manager John Schneider's and not influenced by the front office. I don't believe that for a minute. The Jays' front office has been too involved in on-field play and must accept much of the blame for a disastrous season.

Atkins and others in upper management are not baseball people. They are moneyballers who stare into their laptops and make decisions based on statistics and math.

Their laptops told them the team needed more defence so they traded away dynamic hitters Teoscar Hernandez and Lourdes Gurriel, plus outstanding young catcher Gabriel Moreno, who had a 285 batting average and 50 runs batted in this season.

They needed that extra offence, plus they needed a manager who could inspire young hitters like Bo Bichette and Vladimir Guerrero. Neither player provided much in the abbreviated playoffs, except a couple of errors.

The redo of the Rogers Centre, the Jay's home stadium, provides more insight into a fairly good ball team misdirected by a moneyball management. The renovations turned the place into a Party Palace focussed on gulping beer and chewing pizza, taking eyes off the real entertainment, which is supposed to be the game.

The Jays biggest problem on the field was their inability to move runners in scoring position (RISP). They ranked 24th in moving RISPs.

They ranked 16th in runs scored per game, a miserable drop from fourth in 2022 and third in 2021.

"We didn't score runs," Bichette said following the beating by Minnesota. "Can't win without scoring runs."

No kidding.

The Jays had an okay 2023 pitching staff, although not as good as the broadcasters and other homer commentators would have you believe. Some of the opposition pitchers they faced in late season were just as good, if not much better.

When they did get good pitching the Jays hitters simply did not provide the scoring support.

Bichette provided the only honest appraisal of what the club needs before next season. Much more honest than the public relations fog provided by management.

"So, I think there's a lot of reflection needed, from players but from the organization from top to down," Bichette was quoted by Sportsnet last week.

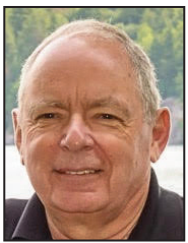
From top down is the key phrase here.

The reflection needs to result in a cleaning out of management, including on-field manager Schneider, who follows front office orders instead of playing his own game.

The Jays have some really good individual players but the moneyball management restricted them from playing together as a top-flight team. You could see the problem on the grim faces of frustrated players in many games throughout the season.

Baseball is a game played by people, not computer algorithms. It is an art in which every move by any player has can have many outcomes.

If you want computer baseball, then replace the umpires with laptops that call balls, strikes and base running outs. Fans then don't have to watch the game so closely, and can spend more time and money in the beer and pizza lounges.



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From Shaman's Rock

If the economy doesn't function, nothing else will

ICAME TO Canada as a young immigrant and opened a one-man tool and die shop in a rented garage in the late 1950s. By sharing profits with employees, managers and investors, I built that tool shop into Magna International Inc., one of the world's largest auto parts suppliers with annual sales of more than \$40 billion and over 174,000 people in 30 countries.

In addition to more than seven decades of experience as a successful business owner, I've also served on numerous corporate, government, hospital and university boards, as well as on board of the NASDAQ stock exchange.

My name is Frank Stronach, and at this stage of my career, I would like to share some of my hard-won experience and knowledge to make Canada a better country and to create more opportunities for my fellow Canadians to succeed and prosper.

But I've grown increasingly worried that our living standards here in Canada are deteriorating because we no longer focus on the economy. If the economy doesn't function, nothing else will.

Without a strong economy, we won't have the money to adequately fund our health care and social assistance programs, and we won't be able to look after the most fragile and vulnerable citizens in our society.

Unfortunately, we haven't zeroed in on what really powers the economy. The economy is driven by three forces: smart managers, hard-working employees, and investors. And all three have a right to the outcome of the business, which is profits.

Our economy should also function for the benefit of everyone, not just the rich. Right now, the divide between the working class and the wealthy is growing wider and wider because a growing number of Canadians are being denied a fair share of the wealth they help create.

The truth is our economy has been in a slow and steady decline for quite a while now. The reason why living standards are dropping is that we're exporting less

and importing more. We're turning our factories into warehouses, which is why you hardly ever see a product made in this country on store shelves anymore. And we're strangling small business, the backbone of our economy, with unnecessary red tape and regulations.

So, what can we do to get our economy straightened out?

I believe one solution is to create an Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities that focuses on economic rights, including the right of workers to accumulate wealth through profit participation, as well as responsibilities that require the government to manage our tax dollars responsibly.

The charter would contain seven key principles to create a stronger economy and a more prosperous country. We could get government spending under control, introduce

profit sharing for millions of hard-working Canadians, and take the shackles off our entrepreneurs and small business owners.

In the weeks ahead, I'll spell out in greater detail the various rights and responsibilities contained in this new Economic Charter, and I look forward to sharing my thoughts and views with readers in this weekly column, which will appear in newspapers published in towns and communities throughout Ontario.

Much of my focus in the columns will be on the economy and what we need to do to get it firing on all cylinders once again. Because without a robust economy, our living standards will continue to fall.

I'll bring forward some of the lessons I've learned over many years running global businesses at the very highest level. One thing you can be sure of: I will always put forth constructive solutions. That's what our country needs – and it's what Canadians are searching for.

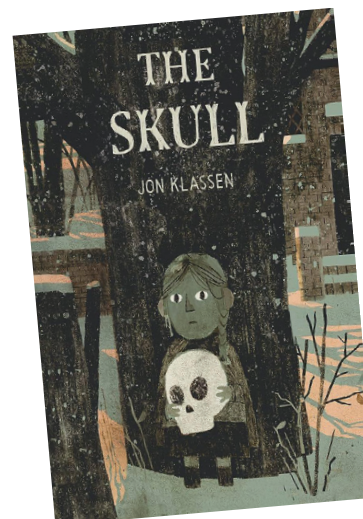
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Huskies get back in the win column, split the weekend

by ALEX GALLACHER
Special to the Times

The Haliburton County Huskies kicked off a new week in the OJHL by taking on the Pickering Panthers and Wellington Dukes. Coming off a four game winless streak, the Huskies were eager to get back in the win column.

Prior to the weekend, the Huskies made a key signing. Charlie Fink became the newest Husky after spending time with Baie-Comeau Drakkar of the QMJHL and the Saginaw Spirit of the OHL. During his time in the CHL, Fink picked up 8 points in 73 games. However, in his one season with the Toronto Patriots in 2022-23, Fink logged 24 points in 24 games.

Fink's impact was seen right away as the Huskies ventured out to Pickering for a battle with the Panthers.

Un-Problematic Panthers

The first period saw no scoring, but the second period was a goal bonanza. Fink lit the lamp on the powerplay at the 4:18 mark, logging his first career goal with the Huskies and putting them up 1-0.

Former Husky Nick Athanasakos tied things up less than two minutes later, but the Huskies were quick to respond. Captain Patrick Saini buried a screamer past Aiden Feddema to give the Huskies their lead back. Saini's eighth of the year, now puts him even closer to breaking the overall team points record.

The final goal of the contest came with 23 seconds left in the third, as Fink doubled up and added the insurance marker with an assist from Lucas Stevenson.

The commute to Pickering ended in triumph for the Huskies as a 3-1 victory sees them back in win column for the first time in five matches. Logan Kennedy went 26 for 27, picking up a crucial win. Kennedy's play impressed Coach Ryan Ramsay as he would once again get the nod in game two of a doubleheader, which saw the Wellington Dukes come to town for the first time this season.



The Huskies put up a tough fight against the Wellington Dukes on Saturday, Oct. 7, but lost 3-1 to the away team. /TIM YANO Special to the Times

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Wellington's winning ways

The Huskies came into this match against their rival from the Quinte Isle with one goal in mind; shut down the Dukes offense. No goals were scored in the first, but in similar shades of the night before the second was a

scorer's dream.

Coming off a 4-3 loss on Friday to the Markham Royals, the Dukes were eager to strike first. Panayioti Efraimidis opened the scoring at the 12:09 mark of the second, but the Huskies were quick to answer back. Five minutes later, Charlie Fink added his third goal as a Husky to tie this contest and one a piece.

Before the period was up, Ben Vreugdenhill gave the Dukes a 2-1 lead heading into the intermission. One goal was scored in the third and the was a Dukes insurance marker at the hands of Connor Hunt into the empty net.

The Huskies would fall to the Dukes 3-1,

with Kennedy going 28 for 30.

Week Six sees the Huskies come back from Thanksgiving with a refreshed team ready to take on three matches. On Thursday Oct. 11 the Huskies will venture to Leamington for their first match against the reigning GOJHL champions and newest OJHL expansion team, the Leamington Flyers.

Friday Oct. 12 they will take on the Markham Royals at the Markham Centennial Community Centre, before finally ending the three games back-to-back at the SG Nesbitt Arena for another showdown against other rival from the Bay of Quinte the Trenton Golden Hawks on Saturday, Oct. 13.

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A place to stand

I THINK A lot these days about how social institutions are failing to deliver their products and services. There was a moment during COVID when it looked like institutions remembered how to move quickly and effectively, but now we seem to celebrate the ways in which that action was imperfect, as if speed itself is a bad thing, risk aversion a good thing. (Ironic, when Mark Zuckerberg immortalized the value of moving fast and breaking things – forgetting to mention that such abandon tended to cost big bucks, which business must have and government must not.)

I have long thought that institutions, the moment they are born, begin to act in their own interests rather than the purpose for which they were created. Imagine my delight, then, with discovering sociologist Robert Michels' 'iron law of oligarchy' which says 'Simply put, all complex organizations ...ultimately are run by a leadership class.' And a further delineation by Darcy K. Leach, another sociologist, who says that 'bureaucracy happens; if bureaucracy happens, power rises; if power rises, power corrupts.'

That pretty much leaves us with village square governance as the only sustainable form of democracy or equality. Many of us abhor leaderlessness because we have experienced committee processes that wandered endlessly in the whorls of indecision. We acknowledge that even small groups need leadership and have hierarchy: parents, for example, need to give guidance to their chil-

dren; bosses need to give direction to their team.

I could go all Marxian – or Indigenous -- here and say that leadership does not imply hierarchy, but rather a circle of expertises and responsibilities. But I want to explore a model of thinking about leadership that is new to me. It's the Cynefin framework, devised by an IBM manager, Dave Snowden, borrowing a Welsh word meaning 'habitat', similar to a Maori word, *turan-gawae*, meaning a place to stand, or 'the ground and place which is your heritage and that you come from.' It says, at base, how you think about or classify a situation should define how you tackle it.

Skeletally, the Cynefin approach says problems may be simple, complicated or complex. Simple problems have a known cause and an obvious solution: they should be addressed with agreed-upon best practice. Complicated problems are those where there may be multiple solutions but they are not obvious: they are best met by accessing expertise to analyze them and render them simple. Complex problems are those with unknown internal interactions that must be fixed on the fly; they require exploration, experimentation and thoughtful delegation, along with a willingness, even expectation, to learn from failure.

The nature of a complex problem will change as it is being addressed; some bits may be rendered simple and solved, others will morph in unexpected ways, there will be unproductive ventures down rabbit holes,

and solving them separately, hopefully collaboratively (ie respecting the intersectoral nature of the problem). What's noteworthy (not, I think, new) is trusting that the bottom of the hierarchy knows things the top doesn't, and having the humility to respect and act on that.

Canada largely treated the pandemic as a wicked problem and allowed exploration, experimentation, and delegation (perhaps structural rather than thoughtful). I don't see the same approach to housing or health. It seems stuck in old ways of thinking, a dedication to top-downness, a denial or dismissal of ground-level expertise and imagination, a stranglehold on the levers of power even as they demonstrably malfunction, a downloading of responsibility without associated authority or resources.

What I wonder is if we as citizens should re-gift ourselves with responsibility for solving the wicked problems by sliding out from under the bureaucracy, doing what we can with what we've got, embracing the place in which we stand.



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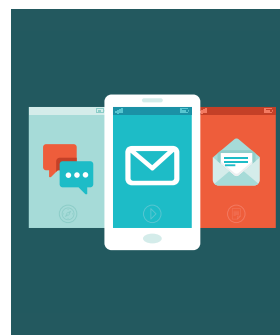
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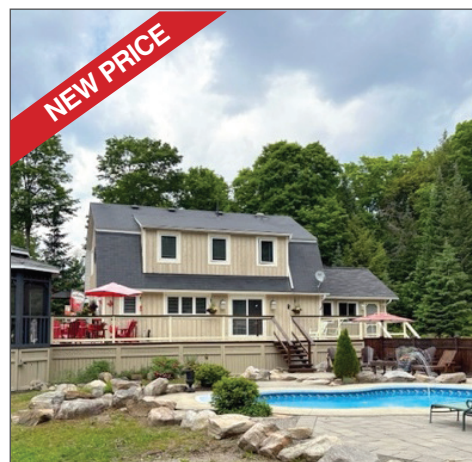


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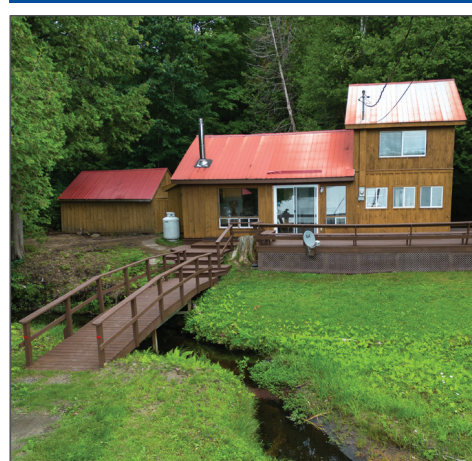


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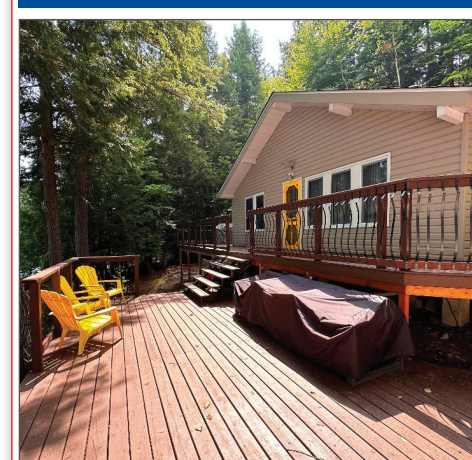


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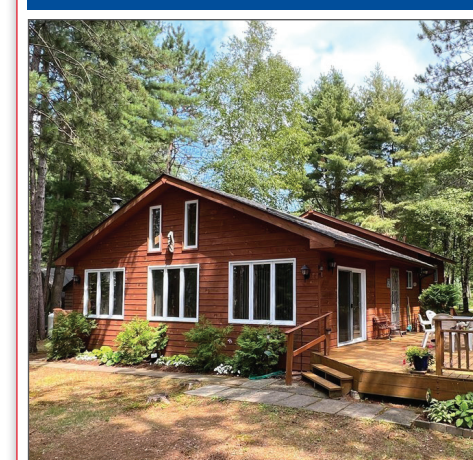


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Madeleine and Main in Minden

On October 21, Minden will be alive with the sound of music. The great acoustics of the Highland Hills United Church will amplify the voice of Madeleine Roger - a wonderful singer/songwriter from Winnipeg. Laren Main, a very talented local musician will open for Madeleine. This concert is presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society. Tickets are \$30; \$25 for Folk Society members and students. \$35 at the door if available. Tickets can be purchased online at www.haliburtonfolk.com. Children/youth 18 and under are free but must be ordered online. Children and adults 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult.

While skillfully accompanying herself on acoustic guitar, it is Madeleine's artistry as a songwriter and storyteller that can silence a room, uniting her lyrical prowess with breathtaking melodies that linger long after they are sung. Her critically-acclaimed debut album *Cottonwood* combines the elegant storytelling of folk traditions with the grounded vibe of roots music. It is a collection of songs that reflect on femininity and equality, the majesty of the wilderness, and the beautiful awkwardness of trying to love another person. *Cottonwood* reached the No. 1 spot on the National folk/roots charts in Canada, and also saw Madeleine nominated for both "English Songwriter of the Year" at the 2020 Canadian Folk Music Awards and "Producer

of the Year" at the 2019 Western Canadian Music Awards. She has toured extensively across Canada and Europe. Madeleine will be accompanied by Ella Korth.

One review notes that "Madeleine's excellent songwriting, ear for traditional-sounding melodies, fabulous voice, and skillful guitar playing give them a timeless quality, though they speak directly to our time." - Stan Rogers Folk Festival.

Laren Main, who is opening for Madeleine, is impressing audiences wherever he performs. His love of music comes from being in a musical family where he was constantly surrounded by different types of music. The Beatles, Bob Dylan and Johnny Cash are also big influences. Some Facebook observations:

"Fabulous young musician. We have his music on CANOE FM" - Roxanne Campbell-Casey. "He is one talented young man. Well worth seeing. He is also a promising songwriter" - Jim Love

Laren's performance on October 21 will itself be worth the price of admission and a fitting opening for the amazing Madeleine Roger.

More information and tickets are available at www.haliburtonfolk.com

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Madeleine Roger will be coming to Minden on Oct. 21. She brings a wealth of talent and experience in singing, songwriting, and storytelling. /Photo submitted.

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Fun By The Numbers

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Answers on page 15

Celebrating Minden Clergy

Clergy Appreciation Day is on the second Sunday in October reminds us to recognize the work of ministers, pastors, and priests. This national day also falls in National Clergy Month, which is observed each October.

The work of Rev. Joan and Deacon Martha as a duo has had a significant impact on the community. Whether it be the thrift store that raises almost \$30,000 a year and \$20,000 goes directly back into the community. Almost \$10,000 goes to a school in Africa. The Thrift Shop shares with other churches and organizations like the Bishop McAllister School in Kyogyera, Uganda. Last year the Thrift Shop assisted in making a new residence for girls secure. This year the Thrift Shop contributed to the new library building.

They along with their parishioners and volunteers have created The Gathering Place. After seeing a need for a community space, the parish rented a space on the main street to make that vision happen. The Gathering Place has become somewhere for the community to gather, to rest, to relax, and to learn new skills. It is open to everyone! Each week there is a volunteer who comes in and runs an activity during the open hours:

Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. is Game Day - come play euchre, cribbage, checkers, and other games

Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. is Fibre Arts Day - come learn how to make crafts and art from paper and fabric

Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. is Paint and



From left, the Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark, Warden Gail Nicholson and the Rev. Martha Waind of the Anglican Parish of Minden, Kinmount, and Maple. /Photo submitted

Drawing day - come learn how to draw and paint

The Gathering Place also hosts Gospel Music the last Sunday of every month at 2 p.m.

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A guide to better living with Stephan Lukacic

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**
Times Staff

Living a healthier life has never been easier: It only takes 4,289 simple steps.

This is what Stephan Lukacic told the crowd at the first Telling Our Stories presentation in September.

The previous music producer is an avid outdoors enthusiast now living in the Highlands, teaching foresting workshops and offering guided fishing through his own business and Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve.

Lukacic “is largely focused on sustainability, self-reliance, nature, and living a healthy outdoors lifestyle,” said Telling Our Stories organizer Barrie Martin.

“If you came here expecting a bunch of goofy cooking videos and bite-sized gardening and foraging tips like I do on my Instagram, you might be a little disappointed,” Lukacic laughed.

He said easily-digestible content acts like a “bait” to then open up dialogue to think about bigger issues.

“There are portions of the presentation that delve into pretty serious and frankly uncomfortable realities about factory farming, hunting, climate change, big pharma, and other prickly issues,” he said. “But we’re going to poke our heads back through the weeds and focus on solutions.”

Lukacic began with his own story.

He explained how he ended up back in his hometown, living a sustainable life after an exciting, hectic lifestyle as a musician and music producer traveling the world.

“It was fairly late in the game for me, and sort of accidentally and out of necessity,” Lukacic said.

Psoriatic arthritis began to debilitate Lukacic during his music career days.

“My quality of life was awful, I really suffered, and I wasn’t getting any better on those drugs.”

He said after moving back to the country, he stumbled upon a quote that said, “Let food be thy medicine.”

“I now spend the vast majority of my time hunting, fishing, foraging, growing vegetables in my organic gardens, and making food. After less than six months of eating organics and real food rather than prescription drugs, the symptoms of my illness have vanished,” he said.

The presentation dove into the food processing industry and negative consequences to health since the start of the Industrial Revolution.

“Like most people, I knew nothing about how appalling modern industrial food farming really is. I was blissfully unaware of factory farming and so many horrific conditions factory-farmed animals endure,” Lukacic said. “Maybe worse still are the devastating environmental consequences of raising livestock and processing animal products. Most reliable estimates that I’ve read blame industrial animal farming for up to a third of greenhouse gas emissions that are responsible for global warming.”

The second half of Lukacic’s presentation showed some of the ways he lives as sustainably as possible.

He said it’s important for every person to do as much as they can, to the best of their ability, to stray away from supporting large food processing corporations.

“You do what you can do. I’m very lucky, and I admit that I’m an extreme example, but just contributing in any way you can means something different for everybody. Even supporting small, local farmers if you aren’t able to hunt or grow your own food is so much better,” Lukacic said.

Telling Our Stories is organized by the Haliburton County Community Co-operative on the second Wednesday of each month at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$15 per person payable at the door, and a portion is always donated to a local not-for-profit organization.



Steve Lukacic’s presentation about living sustainably was the September feature for the Telling Our Stories series held at the HHOA Fish Hatchery. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Movie magic

Those Other Movies will be back this fall with movies on the second Thursday in September, October, January, March and May.

Ticket sales will be \$10 cash at the door only.

Showtimes: 4:15 and 7:15 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at the Haliburton high school

Also back:

The Haliburton International Film Festival will return November 3, 4, 5, 2023 with eight movies.

Doc(k) Day will return April 13, 2024 with four movies.

Upcoming movies

Oct. 12: Jules Starring Ben Kingsley, Jane Curtin. Milton (Ben Kingsley), who lives a quiet life of routine in a small western Pennsylvania town, finds his day upended when a UFO and its extra-terrestrial passenger crash land in his backyard.

For more information contact Patti Lou Robinson – Pattilourobobinson@gmail.com or Tammy Rea - tammy.l.rea@gmail.com.

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Bend it like Beckham

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School soccer team is back in action, with regular games held at the high school. /TIM YANO Special to the *Times*.



She shoots, she scores

After a hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the majority of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School sports are back in full swing the fall, including field hockey. /TIM YANO Special to the Times



Aging together

Aging Together as Community invites you to continue our conversations and shared vision to expand the current options of what aging could look like in Haliburton County. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM

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In the words of Margaret Wheatley, “I work from the belief that whatever the issue, community is the answer”.

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- Learn about, and mark your calendar for our conference, Creative Solutions for

Aging in Haliburton County, The Pinestone Resort, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday Jan. 27, 2024. We are thrilled to have Dr. Pat Armstrong, distinguished research professor at York University, author, and leader in LTC and health care advocacy, as our keynote speaker.

- Offer your feedback for more topics of interest and speakers for the conference and upcoming meetings.

Looking forward to seeing you. For more information please email agingtogetherhc@gmail.com or call Bonnie 705-457-6579.

Submitted



Chloe Morissette from Hal High charges the field during a field hockey game in Haliburton on Oct. 4.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has received applications to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLSRA2022064:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Orillia Lake, lying in front 1339 Nova Trail located within Lot 29, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Hindon
2. **File No. PLSRA2022009:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of property having roll number 4616-032-000-44960 on Soyers Lake Road located within Lot 31, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Minden

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

AND TAKE NOTICE should you wish to provide comments with respect to any of the above referenced applications, please submit in writing those comments to the undersigned not later than November 3, 2023.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE if deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills. Please note that a Council meeting to consider a By-law for the above referenced applications will be scheduled at a later date following the requisite commenting period.

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The Council meeting to consider a by-law to stop up, close and convey the parcels listed above will be scheduled for **October 26th, 2023**.

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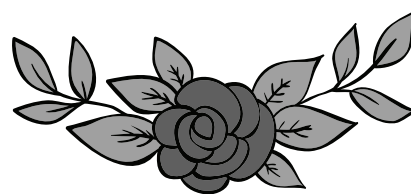
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Minden & Minden

Reeve Ross Rigney was happy to greet folks from Minden, Germany.

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Keep kids warm

Keith Burns wants people to give good, used coats to help children stay warm.

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Small but mighty

Photographer Lyn Winans zooms in on life's small but important things.

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Good friends

Friends of the Library want local libraries to be busy, happy, noisy places.

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In Quotes

"One day we were in the dining tent and they said, 'Everybody get out of here. Get to a bus or your truck. Ivan's coming.'"

— Dan Read of Minden's Hydro crew.



Debbie Lum/TIMES

Way to go!

The Archie Stouffer Elementary School team shakes hands with the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School team and its coaching staff at the conclusion of the tournament game opener. They were all smiles despite losing 2-0. For story, see page 11.

Hydro linemen help counterparts in hurricane-stricken Florida

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Crocodiles, poisonous snakes and humidity are work hazards that a crew of linemen from the local Hydro One office in Minden are not accustomed to but they tackled them anyway in an enormous effort to help hurricane-stricken Florida.

Minden manager Bill Smeaton says there is a

brotherhood amongst hydro workers akin to that of firefighters and it was a pride issue when the call came for help. Eight men from the Minden office volunteered to go to Florida for two-week stints but Smeaton says there would have been more if Hydro One had allowed it.

"It was an incredible experience. I saw guys there

see HAZARDS page 4

Minden, Germany, meets Minden, Ontario

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Why is Minden called Minden and why does the village have those stuffed people hanging from the streetlights?

Those were the two most frequently asked questions when 99 people from Minden, Germany dropped by their home town's namesake in Ontario last Friday.

Was Minden settled by Germans? Do the scarecrows represent anything — or anyone? Did they have something to do with Hallowe'en?

"Very macabre," one woman said with a smile as she looked up at the dangling stuffed figure. (By the way, the scarecrows are hung so high as a way of preventing them from being vandalized. And Minden was named in honour of Queen Victoria's husband, Albert, who was from Hanover near Minden. There's a statue in Minden, Germany, of Victoria and Albert's grandson, Kaiser Wilhelm II.)

When the two tour buses arrived the Germans were greeted by "Bürgermeister" Ross Rigney and his deputy-reeve Jim McMahon, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Carol Simmons of the Minden Hills Museum, and a table in the fire hall loaded with Tim Hortons doughnuts and coffee.

"They've gotten to know Tim Hortons very well," said Bruno Brandt, one of the trip's translators.

The impromptu visit was organized by one of the bus drivers, Andy Hughes of R & L Charters out of Bancroft, and his mother, Carol Miller of Eagle Lake. (She got a round of applause when she was introduced.)

Hughes lives in Gelert and two days into the tour he realized that most of the people on the bus were from Minden, Germany. Wouldn't it be great

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